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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT NIMAIRI TRIP ABROAD

1. PRESIDENT NIMAIRI AND ADVISORS DEPARTED KHARTOUM MAR 25 FOR VISITS TO UK AND ROMANIA. STAY IN UK WILL INCLUDE FOUR DAYS AS OFFICIAL GUEST WITH THREE ADDITIONAL DAYS AS PRIVATE VISITOR. THIS IS PRESIDENT'S FIRST VISIT TO WESTERN COUNTRY SINCE ASSUMING POWER IN MAY 1969. IN ADDITION TO USUAL CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING EMPHASIS ON MILITARY SUBJECTS, MAIN SUBSTANTIVE FOCUS IS EXPECTED BE QUESTION OF COMPENSATION FOR BRITISH FIRMS NATIONALIZED IN 1970. CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN AFFIXING VALUES OF ASSETS FOR THESE FIRMS (TOTAL ABOUT LS 15 MILLION), BUT GOS STILL SEEMS BE HOPING HMG WILL LOAN IT MONEY TO MAKE SETTLEMENTS. UK EMBASSY SAYS THIS NOT IN CARDS AND THAT UNLESS GOS SUDDENLY GIVES WAY ON COMPENSATION ISSUE, HMG WILL HAVE LITTLE TO OFFER DURING VISIT ON AID FRONT. I. E., THERE MAY BE CONSIDERABLE DISAPPOINTMENT.

2. NIMAIRI ALSO EXPECTED BE TALKING TO LONDON REPS PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO LATTER'S PROPOSAL FOR SUGAR SCHEME ON WHITE NILE. ANOTHER POSSIBLE ITEM ON SCHEDULE IS SOME FORM OF MEDICAL CHECK FOR PRESIDENT WHO REPORTEDLY VERY TIRED.

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EM ROMANIAN VISIT, WHICH WILL BE FOUR- DAY STATE AFFAIR, IS
ESSENTIALLY RETURN OF VISIT PAID BY CEAUSESCU LAST MARCH SHORTLY
AFTER RESUMPTION OF RELATIONS. POSSIBLE ROMANIAN DEVELOPMENT
ASSISTANCE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE MOST PROMINENT SUBSTANTIVE
SUBJECT DISCUSSED.

4. GOS DEL INCLUDES FONMIN MANSOUR KHALID, ECONMIN IBR. MONEIM
MANSOUR, SSU POLITBUREAU MEMBER IZZEL DIN EL SAYED, DEP INFOMIN BONA
MALWAL RING, SECGEN PRES AFFAIRS SAYED ABU BAKR OSMAN, FONMINISTRY
ADVISOR GAMAL MOHAMMED AHMED (SENIOR PS DIPLOMAT, FORMERLY AMB TO
UK AND JUST RECENTLY RETURNED TO MINISTRY AFTER PERIOD OF TIME IN
ILL FAVOR), AIDE BRIG ABDEL RAHIM SAEED AND ARMED FORCES HEDQTRS
BRIG OMER MOHAMMED EL TAYEB, PLUS 10 NEWSMEN.

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